GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2463
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
INDO-NEPAL TRADE AGREEMENT
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to amend the Indo-Nepal trade agreement of 1991 as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated August 19, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein ; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir.

Discussions are currently in progress between technical delegations of the two sides to resolve certain issues that have emerged during the implementation of the 1996 India-Nepal Trade Treaty prior to the extension of validity of this Treaty for another five years. A limited extension of the Treaty for a period of three months from December 5, 2001, has been agreed to enable the negotiations on the proposed modifications to the Treaty to be concluded.

We are confident that the issues will be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both sides and necessary adjustments incorporated into the Treaty.